

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 32 public bills, H.R. 3687–3718; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 193; and H. Res. 789–795, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 2393, to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to improve procedures for the collection and delivery of marked absentee ballots of absent overseas uniformed services voters (H. Rept. 111–281).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Davis (TN) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Dr. Adam Dooley, Red Bank Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010—Motion to go to Conference: The House agreed to the Price (NC) motion to disagree to the Senate amendment and agree to a conference on H.R. 2892, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

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Agreed to the Rogers (KY) motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 258 yeas to 163 nays, Roll No. 746.

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The Chair appointed the following conferees: Representatives Price (NC), Serrano, Rodriguez, Ruppertsberger, Mollohan, Lowey, Roybal-Allard, Farr, Rothman (NJ), Obey, Rogers (KY), Carter, Culberson, Kirk, Calvert, and Lewis (CA).

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our nation in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families, and all who serve in the armed forces and their families.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, September 30th:

Congratulating the University of Washington women's softball team for winning the 2009 Women's College World Series: H. Res. 517, to congratulate the University of Washington women's softball team for winning the 2009 Women's College World

Series, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 747;

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Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the State News at Michigan State University: H. Res. 487, to recognize the 100th anniversary of the State News at Michigan State University, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 413 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 748;

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Supporting the goals and ideals of Tay-Sachs Awareness Month: H. Res. 692, amended, to support the goals and ideals of Tay-Sachs Awareness Month, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 750;

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Expressing the sense of Congress that China release democratic activist Liu Xiaobo from imprisonment: H. Con. Res. 151, amended, to express the sense of Congress that China release democratic activist Liu Xiaobo from imprisonment, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 410 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 751; and

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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the employees of the Department of Homeland Security, their partners at all levels of government, and the millions of emergency response providers and law enforcement agents nationwide should be commended for their dedicated service: H. Res. 731, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that the employees of the Department of Homeland Security, their partners at all levels of government, and the millions of emergency response providers and law enforcement agents nationwide should be commended for their dedicated service on the Nation's front lines in the war against acts of terrorism.

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Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 3183, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 308 yeas to 114 nays, Roll No. 752.

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H. Res. 788, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 749.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6th for morning-hour debate.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H10411.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10417–18, H10418–19, H10419, H10422–23, H10423–24, H10424, and H10432–33. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EUROPEAN MISSILE DEFENSE PLAN

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the President's new plan for missile defenses in Europe and the implications for international security. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: GEN James E. Cartwright, USMC, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Michele A. Flournoy, Under Secretary, Policy; and LTG Patrick J. O'Reilly, USA, Director, Missile Defense Agency; and Ellen O. Tauscher, Under Secretary, Arms Control and International Security, Department of State.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG AMERICANS

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Ensuring Economic Opportunities for Young Americans. Testimony was heard from Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

DRINKING WATER SYSTEM SECURITY ACT; CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTI-TERRORISM ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3258, Drinking Water System Security Act of 2009 and H. R. 2868, Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Peter Silva, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; Rand Beers, Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL REFORM PROPOSALS—FEDERAL RESERVE PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Federal Reserve Perspectives on Financial Regulatory Reform Proposals." Testimony was heard from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

AFGHAN ELECTIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on the Afghan Elections: Who Lost What? Testimony was heard from J. Alexander Thier, Director, Afghanistan and Pakistan, U.S. Institute for Peace; W. Lorne Craner, former Assistant Secretary, Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State; and public witnesses.

CITIZEN AND COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response held a hearing entitled "Preparedness: State of Citizen and Community Preparedness." Testimony was heard from Tim Manning, Deputy Administrator, National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; William Jenkins, Jr., Director, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO; and public witnesses.

REQUEST TO DHS FOR DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS ON BENEFICIARIES OF PRIVATE BILLS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law approved Requests to the Department of Homeland Security for Departmental Reports on the Beneficiaries of two private relief bills.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 86, To eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by bringing the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands; H.R. 118, To authorize the addition of 100 acres to Morristown National Historical Park; H.R. 1925, America's Red Rock Wilderness Act of 2009; H.R. 2689, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Virginia, as a unit of the National Park System; H.R. 2781, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; and H.R. 2888, Devil's Staircase Wilderness Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Senators Hatch, and Robert F. Bennett of Utah; Representatives Matheson, Perriello, Schrader and Campbell; Robert V. Abbey, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Joel Holtrop,